

REMARKS

Claims 227, 332-337, and 340 are pending in the present application. Claims 227, 332-337, and 340 stand rejected under 35 USC §112. Claims 227, 332-337, and 340 stand rejected under 35 USC §103. Claims 1-270, 272-331, and 338-339 have been previously canceled. Applicants have currently amended claims 271 to more particularly point out applicants' invention.

35 USC §112

Applicants have amended claim 1 to provide "insulation covering said electrode array body forming voids; and one electrode recessed within each void".

35 USC §103

De Juan shows two electrodes of opposite polarity within each void. While Chow teaches that electrodes of opposite polarity are required, an electronic fundamental, it is not necessary to place both polarities within a common void. In fact it is counterproductive as much of the energy travels between the electrodes in the void without stimulating tissue. Applicants believe that the amendment renders claim 271 patentable. The other claims are rendered patentable by their dependence on claim 271.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, and the Examiner believes that a teleconference may be helpful, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (818) 833-5055 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 50-0922. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, then the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) requesting an extension of time of the number of

months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 50-0922.

Respectfully submitted,

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